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2. The issuance of new OPs was announced in Cheb by public notices and by the city loudspeaker system on 1 April 1955. The announcements then said that new OPs will be issued in alphabetical order. In practice, however, people disregard this provision and hand in their old OPs when they have time and the necessary documents ready. So far, the authorities have not put any pressure to bear to make people adhere to the announced alphabetical schedule. Also, no time limit has been set for the completion of the OP exchange.⁴

3. The following documents are required for the issuance of the new OPs (or rather for the initiation of the administrative procedure preceding

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Comment. The VB official said that it might take "several months" before the new OP would be ready. This means that for a considerable period large numbers of Czech citizens will possess the Certificates, which bear no photograph, as their only identification document.

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Comment. It may be assumed that in Slovakia the Certificates will have identical form and size but their printed text will be in Slovak.

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Comment. For background information on the exchange of OPS The Government Ordinance # 61 was supplemented by Ordinance (providence narizeni) # 240 issued by the Ministry of National Security on 27 July 1953 and published in "Uredni list" # 99 of 4 August 1953. This latter Ordinance contains detailed instructions on OPS. The slight discrepancy between the size of photographs as reported

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